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**Sen. Laura Toy encourages college-bound females to enter National  
Foundation for Women Legislators essay scholarship contest**

**LANSING** – College-bound female students from either the class of 2006 or the class of 2007 are eligible to enter the National Foundation for Women Legislators annual Bill of Rights Essay Contest, said state Sen. Laura M. Toy, 6th District.

“This contest gives our young women a chance to win a college scholarship while making their voices heard on the significant role that dozens of American women leaders have played in shaping of our Bill of Rights,” Sen. Toy said. “It is my hope that many of our students will take the time to enter.”

Participants are asked to write a 400 to 600 word essay telling an inspiring story of one heroic American woman. The article should discuss how her life and achievement connects to at least one constitutional right secured in the U.S. Bill of Rights and how this personally relates to the female student.

Winners will receive a \$3,000 scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to the group’s annual conference at the Ritz-Carlton in Avon, Colorado in November.

All entries are due to the NFWL office in Washington, D.C. no later than Tuesday, August 15. Entrants must be sponsored by a female legislator from their state.

“In addition to a scholarship to help with college expenses, the seven nationwide winners will be invited to share their essay with female lawmakers from across our country,” Sen. Toy said. “This is an invaluable opportunity to inspire and network with some of the most prominent and influential women in America.”

To obtain a copy of the entry form and official rules, interested female students should contact Sen. Laura Toy’s office at (517) 373-1707 or send an e-mail requesting this material with their name, address, phone number, high school and class to [senltoy@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senltoy@senate.michigan.gov).

NFWL is a national organization which provides strategic resources, including debates and briefings on issues, leadership skills development, and opportunities for networking for female members of Congress, state legislators, county commissioners and city council members

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